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Proposed amendments 1/ to the draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

Organization of the list of speakers for the Special Commemorative Meeting of the General Assembly on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling resolution 48/215 B of 26 May 1994, in which it decided to convene a special commemorative meeting on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the entry into force of the Charter of the United Nations, to be held at United Nations Headquarters from 22 to 24 October 1995,

Also recalling paragraph 8 of the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Fiftieth Anniversary, 2/ in which the modalities for inviting [Palestine and, if they so request, other] observers to attend the Special Commemorative Meeting were agreed upon,

1. Decides that the Special Commemorative Meeting shall be held for a total of six meetings [on the basis of two meetings a day];

2. Also decides that the list of speakers for the Special Commemorative Meeting shall be organized in accordance with the procedure set forth in the annex to the present resolution.

1/ Amendments appear in brackets.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 48 (A/49/48).

ANNEX

Organization of the list of speakers for the Special Commemorative Meeting of the General Assembly on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations

1. The list of speakers for the Special Commemorative Meeting will be established on the basis of six meetings, each meeting having [25] speaking slots [with the exception of the meeting on Tuesday, 24 October 1995, in the afternoon, which will have 60 speaking slots].

2. The first speaker in the Special Commemorative Meeting will be the Head of State of the host country of the Organization.

3. The list of speakers for the Special Commemorative Meeting will be initially established as follows:

(a) [The Secretary-General or his representative will draw one name from a box containing the names of all Member States[, observer States and Palestine] participating in the Special Commemorative Meeting. This procedure will be repeated until all names have been drawn from the box, thus establishing the order in which participants will be invited to choose their meetings and select their speaking slots;]

(b) Six boxes will be prepared, each one representing a meeting and each one containing numbers corresponding to speaking slots at that meeting;

(c) [Once the name of a Member State[, observer State or Palestine] has been drawn by the Secretary-General or his representative, that Member State [, observer State or Palestine] will be invited to first choose a meeting and then draw from the appropriate box the number indicating the speaking slot in the meeting;]

(d) A number of speaking slots at each meeting will be reserved for observer [organizations] participating in the Special Commemorative Meeting. [They will be invited to participate in the initial establishment of the list of speakers in the same manner as Member States[, observer States and Palestine] but from a different set of six boxes.]

4. The establishment of the [initial] list of speakers for the Special Commemorative Meeting as outlined in paragraph 3 of the present annex will take place at a meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations [to be held on _____ 1995].

5. Subsequently, the list of speakers for each meeting will be rearranged in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly when organizing each category of speakers, following the order resulting from the selection process outlined in paragraph 3 of the present annex:

(a) Heads of State will thus be accorded first priority, followed by vice-presidents, crown princes/princesses, heads of government, ministers, permanent representatives and observers;

(b) In the event that the level at which a statement is to be made is subsequently changed, the speaker will be moved to the [next available speaking slot in the] appropriate category [at the same meeting];

(c) Participants may arrange to exchange their speaking slots in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly;

(d) Speakers who are not present when their speaking turn comes will be automatically moved to the [next available] speaking slot within their category.

6. In order to accommodate all speakers at the Special Commemorative Meeting, statements should be limited to five minutes, on the understanding that this will not preclude the circulation of more extensive texts.

7. The full text of all speeches [provided to] the Special Commemorative Meeting will be subsequently published in a bound book.